

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION OF FARE IN GULF SECTOR
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received representations regarding reduction in air fare in the Gulf sector from Non-Resident Indians who are mostly low paid; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The representations received from Non-Resident Indians regarding reductions in air fare in the Gulf Sector have been considered in consultation with Air India and Indian Airlines. The air fares between Gulf countries and Indian stations are established at the International Air Transport Association (IATA) tariff co-ordinating conferences. All the airlines operating in these sectors come together at these conferences and decide the fares. However airlines also charge fares lower than IATA fares as diverse factors such as demand and supply, frequency, timings, direct/indirect operations etc. also affect market fares. The current Indian Airlines fares ex-Gulf to India are approximately 40% lower on average, as compared to the fares determined by IATA through its price fixation machinery.